

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Rome February 11, 21, and 26, 1929

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Department of State files

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs to the American Embassy

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NOTE VERBALE

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs has the honor to inform the Embassy of the United States of America that, beginning on March 1st, next, all American citizens who come to Italy will be relieved of the necessity of having an Italian Consular visa on their passports.

The Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs, while requesting the American Embassy to bring the above-mentioned communication to the attention of its Government, also for the information of those American citizens who may be interested therein, has the honor to inquire whether, with reference to the contents of the Embassy's Note Verbale of April 6, 1925, the latter would be disposed to request instructions from its Government in order to assure the Royal Government that there will be applied, beginning with the same date, to non-immigrant Italians who proceed to the United States the exemption from the fees for passport visas as provided in the aforesaid Note Verbale; and awaits a response thereto.

ROME, *February 11, 1929-VII.*

¹ *Department of State Bulletin*, Feb. 22, 1948, p. 248.

² TIAS 1648, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 325.

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

F.O. No. 1402

ROME, February 21, 1929

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to state that, as a result of recent conversations held at Rome on behalf of the Government of the United States and the Royal Italian Government, and the Notes Verbales of this Embassy dated April 6, 1925, and of the Royal Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated February 11, 1929, with reference to the reciprocal agreement to waive fees for non-immigrant visas and applications therefor, it is understood that the Government of the United States will from the 1st of March, 1929, collect no fees for visaing passports or executing applications therefor in the case of citizens or subjects of Italy desiring to visit the United States, including the insular possessions, who are not "immigrants" as defined in the Immigration Act of the United States of 1924,³ namely, "(1) a government official, his family, attendants, servants and employees, (2) an alien visiting the United States temporarily as a tourist or temporarily for business or pleasure, (3) an alien in continuous transit through the United States, (4) an alien lawfully admitted to the United States who later goes in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory, (5) a bona fide alien seaman serving as such on a vessel arriving at a port of the United States and seeking to enter temporarily the United States solely in the pursuit of his calling as a seaman, and (6) an alien entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under and in pursuance of the provisions of a present existing treaty of commerce and navigation;" and from the same date the Government of Italy will not require citizens of the United States desiring to visit Italy to present visaed passports.

I should be glad to have Your Excellency's confirmation of the agreement thus reached, and avail myself of the opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration.

HENRY P. FLETCHER

His Excellency

BENITO MUSSOLINI,

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ROME, February 26, 1929

MR. AMBASSADOR:

With reference to Note No. 1402 of February 21, 1929, in which Your Excellency has communicated to me that the Federal Government is pleased

³ 43 Stat. 153.

to concede, beginning March 1st, next, exemption from the visa fee on passports of non-emigrant Italian citizens who go, extra quota, to the United States of America, I have the honor to confirm to Your Excellency that beginning March 1st, next, the citizens of the United States of America who come to Italy will be relieved of the necessity of obtaining the visa on their passport from the Royal Consular Authorities.

I am pleased to express to You, Mr. Ambassador, the assurances of my highest consideration.

MUSSOLINI

To His Excellency

Mr. HENRY PRATHER FLETCHER,

Ambassador of the United States of America.

Rome.